13th November 1922]

Punitive tax in Guntūr district.

407 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the district magistrate, Guntūr, laying down the lines on which the punitive tax is to be collected in the Guntūr district, and, if so, to place them on the table;

(b) the amount of the tax so collected and the persons from whom the said tax was collected; and

(c) whether for the purpose of levying punitive tax the local authorities made lists of all persons who are members of the congress organizations, or who are in the habit of wearing khaddar, and whether the collection of the tax was confined to the above classes of persons?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answers to questions Nos. 200, 392 supra and 462 infra and to the communiqué issued by the district magistrate, Guntūr, on October 15th, which was published in the papers.

The applicability of the report of the Calcutta University Commission to South India.

408 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the report of the committee appointed to consider, in the light of the recommendations of the University of Madras, the applicability of the report of the Calcutta University Commission to South India, has been received, and if so, to place the same on the table; and

(b) the expenditure, from public funds, incurred in connexion with the above committee?

A.—(a) The final report of the committee has not yet been received.
(b) Rs. 8,953-4-0.

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Referring to question No. 408 (a) I wish to know whether any interim report was received from the committee, and if so, whether it will be placed on the table."

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"Only the resolutions of the committee were received and further report is awaited."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Would the resolutions be placed on the table of the House for information?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"No useful purpose will be served without having the full discussion of the committee."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"Will it not be useful in view of the University Bill likely to come up for discussion?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—"I do not agree with the hon. Member."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"It is indeed a compliment to the committee that sat."

The Mittur project.

409 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether final orders have been passed on the Mittur project; if not, in what stage the matter is at present?